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No layoffs or pay reductions; summer school is 'go'

MU budget cuts plan accepted

The West Virginia Board of Regents staff has accepted as submitted Marshall University's plan for trimming \$1,127,588 from its 1981-82 state-appropriated budget, MU President Robert B. Hayes was notified Tuesday afternoon.

The 5 percent cutback was mandated by Governor John D. Rockefeller IV in his State of the State address Jan. 13 when he said state agencies would be required to trim their budgets in order to keep the state budget balanced as required by the State Constitution.

The Board of Regents staff permitted each of the institutions under its control to submit its own plan for budget cuts.

Highlights of the Marshall proposal:

- **No personnel layoffs.**
- **No salary reductions.**
- **The first two weeks of the 1982 summer school (falling within the current fiscal year) to be funded at a level which will permit a summer program substantially the same size as that of 1981, with faculty receiving full salaries.**

Hayes pointed out that the remaining eight weeks of summer school will fall into the 1982-83 fiscal year and the funding level will depend on the 1982-83 budget to be approved in the current session of the Legislature and subsequent allocations by the Board of Regents.

Guideline for travel

One of the major impacts of the mandated budget reduction and Governor Rockefeller's spending guidelines will be in the area of travel.

The guideline reads:

"Travel shall be limited to those instances where it is required to provide the essential services of government. All other travel (both in state and out of state) including travel to attend meetings, conferences, or seminars, shall be prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Commissioner of Finance and Administration."

The guideline is interpreted to include travel financed by all sources other than private funds, as was the case in a similar situation last spring.

All travel for purposes of instructing classes is assumed to be essential. Other travel, including that of athletic teams, musical groups, debate squad, etc., as well as travel involving faculty recruitment, must be approved by the Commissioner of Finance and Administration. In some instances, blanket approval is being requested to cover scheduled student activities.

"In making these budget cuts as required, we are left in a situation which is painful and damaging," Hayes said. "On the other hand, we believe we have handled it in a way that will not be devastating—as it easily could have been."

Marshall's situation was eased considerably by the university's School of Medicine, Hayes pointed out. In addition to trimming its own budget by \$181,000, the medical school was able to "contribute" \$342,000—or 46 percent—toward the \$946,250 budget reduction mandated for the other units of the university.

"Had we not had the School of Medicine, and had the school not been able to assist in such a significant manner, the picture for the total university would have been far more grim," Hayes said.

He said most of the funds from the medical school were available because the Medical Education Building at the Huntington VA Medical Center, scheduled for occupancy last September, has not been completed. Funds earmarked for use in occupying the building last fall remain unspent in the School of Medicine budget.

Hayes also pointed out that Higher Education Resource Fee (HERF) funds in the amount of \$1,406,000 for the year were not affected by the budget reduction since they are campus fees rather than an appropriation from the Legislature. As of Dec. 31, \$597,202 remained in the HERF accounts.

However, Hayes said, expenditures of HERF and all other funds must be handled under guidelines issued by the Governor Jan. 13. (Those guidelines are available in offices of deans and division heads.)

Marshall's budget reduction plan includes:

- **A \$90,000 cut in current expenses, including \$30,000 in telephone use, \$10,000 in postage, \$20,000 in travel and \$30,000 in fringe benefits (resulting from a freeze in new employment).**

- **\$50,000 reduction in equipment purchases.**

- **\$61,000 cut in repairs and alterations.**

- **\$12,000 in part-time instruction.**

- **\$45,000 in graduate assistantships (May 15-June 30).**

- **\$97,000 in additional accumulations from unfilled vacancies resulting from the hiring freeze.**

- **A reduction of \$245,799 from the \$488,000 summer school line item in the budget, leaving \$242,000 available to fund the first two weeks (in this fiscal year) at the same level of offerings as last summer term's first two weeks.**

- **A total reduction of \$526,759 in School of Medicine expenditures.**

Marshall's plan was delivered to the Board of Regents late Sunday afternoon, Jan. 17, as were the proposals of

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Coal exhibit at Galleries to open Jan. 31

"The Mining Life: Coal in Our History and Culture," an exhibition of special interest to Tri-State Area residents, will open Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Huntington Galleries.

The exhibition, which will continue through May 23, is divided into three segments: the Coal Mine, which simulates a handloading deep mine of the early 1900s; the Coal Community, which depicts early entrepreneurs of the coal industry, railroad development, and life in a coal community, and Coal Issues, which traces the history of the coal industry in the 20th Century.

In addition to the exhibition, various symposiums will be conducted on such topics as economics, and labor force, as well as the music and literature of the coal fields, at 3 p.m. on Sundays, beginning Jan. 31. Informa-

Internal Medicine Residency fully accredited by ACGME

The Marshall University School of Medicine's Internal Medicine Residency Program has received full accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

Dr. Maurice A. Mufson, MU Medicine Department chairman, was notified of the program change from provisional accreditation status to full accreditation by Dr. John C. Gienapp, secretary of the ACGME Residency Review Committee for Internal Medicine.

"The path to accreditation for a residency program is much like that for a school of medicine," Mufson said. "Representatives of the appropriate agency visit the campus and study the program proposal. That committee then makes recommendations to the full ACGME, which, in turn, decides whether or not to issue provisional accreditation.

"A residency program—just like a medical school—must have provisional accreditation before it can have residents. Once the residency has been operational for a period of time, the review committee returns to view it and again offers recommendations to the ACGME as to the residency program's viability," Mufson explained.

"Of course, periodic reviews will continue to be conducted by the ACGME," Mufson said.

A three-year program, the Internal Medicine Residency received provisional accreditation in 1977 and currently has 16 residents receiving training at Cabell Huntington Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital and the VA Medical Center. "Eventually, we hope to have 30 residents in the program, 10 in each year," Mufson said.

NEWCOMERS

New to the campus are:

DENISE MCINTYRE, advertising/assistant advisor, Journalism Department; BARBARA ELLEN SMITH, project coordinator, Community Medicine Department; RENA P. HICKS, secretary, Football Office; JANET ELAINE CONNER, police officer, Security; PHILLIP J. JOHNSON, parking attendant, Security;

DONNA S. STROUD, media technician, Educational Media Department; BETTY B. DAVIS, medical lab technician, Obstetrics/Gynecology Department; CHARLES D. ASHWORTH and JOSEPH H. DORNING, grounds service workers, Plant Operations.

Welcome to Marshall!!!

tion on these sessions may be obtained by calling the galleries at 529-2701. Among the resource people participating in the symposiums will be Dr. Mack Gillenwater, MU associate professor of geography, who will be part of a panel discussing Coal Field Community Development.

The exhibit is a cooperative project of the Huntington Galleries, the state Cultural Center in Charleston, and Oglebay Park's Mansion Museum in Wheeling. Funding for the project was provided by the Humanities Foundation of West Virginia, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation and the state Department of Culture and History.

The Huntington Galleries is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Marshall faculty and staff achievements, activities . . .

DR. FRANK J. MININNI, associate professor of philosophy, and DR. JOHN W. VIELKIND, associate professor and Philosophy Department chairman, attended the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting held Dec. 27-30 in Philadelphia, Penn.

DR. JOHN J. MCKERNAN and DR. WARREN W. WOODEN, professors of English, DR. LEONARD J. DEUTSCH, associate professor of English, and DR. JEAN WATSON-ROSENBAUM and DR. LEE ERICKSON, assistant professors of English, attended the annual Modern Language Association Conference in New York City Dec. 27-30. Wooden delivered a paper entitled "Nature Moralised: A Reconsideration of John Bunyan's 'Country Rhymes for Children' (1686)."

DR. JOSEPH S. LA CASCIA, professor of economics and department chairman, attended the annual meeting of the American Economics Association held at the Washington (D.C.) Hilton Hotel Dec. 27-30.

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all other state-supported schools. The MU plan had been put together during a series of campus discussions Friday and Saturday, Jan. 15 and 16, and was outlined to the faculty Budget and Appropriations Committee prior to submission.

The various campus plans were debated in Charleston Sunday evening and Monday in sessions with members of the Board of Regents and the board's staff.

"While I am not at all pleased with the budget reduction and its impact on Marshall—both short- and long-term—I am relieved that the plan has been accepted as we submitted it," Hayes said. "We could have had layoffs, salary reductions and summer school cancellation—and these very damaging options were discussed. We are extremely fortunate that we did not have to adopt any of them."

Hayes said he would welcome questions and comments from faculty and staff members to clarify what the university has done to meet the budget reduction requirement.